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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of three (3) Japanese patent publications issued in a corresponding Japanese patent application on November 10, 2008. Also enclosed is Form PTO/SB/08A, listing the enclosed references.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits. It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

To the extent that the enclosed references are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the listing of the attached English Abstracts.

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